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September 23, 2003

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Subject: Final Approval for Sediment Removal Operation, Kennecott Utah Copper, Bingham Canyon Mine, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Ms. Doughty:

Thank you for faxing us your hand written response agreeing to the conditions spelled out in our September 22, 2003 letter. Please provide a hard copy of your written acceptance. Based on the meeting, Jon Callender's memorandum and your written acceptance of those conditions. the Division hereby issues final approval for the sediment removal project. The conditions agreed to are as follows:

- 1. Kennecott must abide by the commitments and plans in the amendment submitted electronically August 22, 2003, and by paper copy submitted September 22, 2003, and must also follow the clarifications in the memorandum from Jon Callender to the Division submitted September 22, 2003.
- 2. Sludge, mixed soils, and native soils from the evaporation ponds will be in a mixed condition when they are taken to the Copper Notch repository. It may be possible to use these soils for reclamation in other parts of the mine permit area, but the quality of the mixed soils is not known at this time. At some time after the soils are in place at the repository, Kennecott will initiate a testing program to characterize this material to determine whether and under what circumstances the soils might be used for reclamation.
- 3. The Division will review the sediment removal amendment and is likely to need additional clarification on certain issues. Kennecott will provide responses to these questions in a timely manner. Kennecott needs to ensure that the final

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approved proposal is in a consolidated format that can be made part of the mine reclamation plan.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me at 801-538-5321 or Doug Jensen at 801-538-5382 if you have questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson, Reclamation Hydrologist

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